Subject: RE: Today's Extera Board Meeting - Shut down
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Hi Extera team,

Thanks for this recap, and I am sorry this happened. They have recently targeted other meetings, notably at GANAS Academy, a new school in the Southeast. I agree entirely with the sentiments and skeletal plan you've laid out below. Public participation and constructive feedback are positives, but the disruption of board business is just not a good thing for kids. Your meetings have implications for your students, and disruptions that shut down meetings challenge your ability to serve them. I know you all will find a solution, as you so frequently do. A few thoughts on next steps:

- **You should expect to be PRAed.** In addition to board meeting disruptions, this may be another thing to plan around. You have nothing to hide, but be attentive to what you put in emails. I would be happy to talk more about this on the phone.
- **Develop procedures for board meeting disruption.** If disruptive members of the public attend again, you could take a series of steps before closing the meeting, like sending a non-essential board member to meet with the group outside the room or recessing the meeting for a short period and moving to a different room to allow the public time to disperse. If you do not already have them in place, make plans around rules of decorum (like those on page 28 of this document). Consider changing the time you schedule a board meeting so it's not always the same. If needed, reach out to private security for support at a meeting if members of the public do not follow rules of decorum.
- **Prepare your board members for future disruptive behavior and possible public misinformation.** Protestors published a list and pictures of GANAS board members on twitter earlier this year as the school navigated a potential co-location. Remind your board about the contentious nature of charter politics, and prepare them for this possibility.

Thanks, and let's stay in touch as things develop.

Best,
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Subject: Today's Extera Board Meeting - Shut down by UTLA

Hi Chris,
Today parents from Eastman ES and many UTLA members as well as activists from Centro CSO https://centrocso.wordpress.com/ shut down the regularly scheduled Extera Board meeting. About 8 speakers addressed the board during public comment and after they gave their public comment, we continued on with the meeting as planned and we made it through about 5 agenda items. Out of no where, those in the room started chanting in the board meeting and we were never able to establish order after that. Jim tried to engage with them and refute the inaccuracies they were stating. Although he tried to speak with them directly they then began to chant and disrupt the board meeting to the point that we could not resume and we had to adjourn and Extera board members left. In addition to the 8 people in the Board meeting about 30-40 had signs and chanted outside on the street for about an hour after we adjourned. We're pretty sure everything was streamed onto UTLA live as several of them had their phones up the entire time. Jim is going to meet with a few representatives of the group on Friday here at the Extera home office and he gave everyone his business card. We have over an hours worth of video and one of our school directors sent pictures or video to a staff member in Mónica García's office.

Sadly, the comments were a lot of misinformation such as statements like:

- Billionaires can't teach our kids
- There is not an accredited director at Extera
- Extera should pay for their own toilet paper and cleaning supplies and stop using ours
- We don't want you on the Eastman campus. Will you say right now that you will leave the Eastman campus?
- We no longer want Extera in Boyle Heights. We want you gone. You are not from this community
- There are no parents at this meeting so this is an illegal meeting
- You are rich, go find your own facility
- You took our parent center and our science room and our children are hurt by that
- Monica Garcia should defend public education not sell public education

I'm not sure if UTLA plans to target other charter organizations but we have a feeling that this will happen again at future Extera board meetings. We have some ideas about how to prepare for the next board meeting that we are going to brainstorm together and we will run past CCSA for support. While we welcome public participation in our board meetings we can't continue to be impeded from conducting school business and we cannot allow our staff members to feel harassed by UTLA while doing their job.

Let us know if you have any initial feedback and we can schedule a more in depth call later regarding plans to prepare for this type of demonstration in the future.

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